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SUBJ: ECOSOC ITEM: ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT STRICKEN
AREAS OF ETHIOPIA

1. FOLLOWING DRAFT RES INITIATED BY ETHIOPIA. GABRE-
SELLASSIE REQUESTS THAT US. CO-SPONSOR. REQUEST COM-
MENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

2. OTHER SPONSORS ARE: KENYA, UGANDA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN,
YUGOSLAVIA, JAPAN, THAILAND, BRAZIL, FIJI, IRAN, MALI,
EGYPT, GYINEA, ZAIRE.

3. NOTE THAT WITH REGARD OPERATIVE PARA 5 THAT IN FIRST
SENTENCE "ALL POSSIBLE ACTION" PROBABLY MORE APPROPRIATE
THATN "THE NECESSARY ACTION".

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CONSIDERING THAT 7 OUT OF 14 PROVINCES OF ETHIOPIA HAVE
EXPERIENCED SEVERE DROUGHT WITHCH DIRECTLY AFFECTED THE LIVES
OF OVER 2 MILLION PERSONS AND MILLIONS OF CATTLE, CAUSING
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SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY,

BEARING IN MIND THAT IT IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ENUNCIATED IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF MAJOR NATURAL DISASTERS, RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTER, AND, IN PARTICULAR, GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2816 (XXVI) OF 14 DECEMBER 1971; 2959 (XXVII) OF 12 DECEMBER 1972; AND 3152 (XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973, RECOGNIZING THAT THE CATASTROPHE THAT HAS BEFALLEN ETHIOPIA IS COMPARABLE TO THE OF THE SUDANO-SAHELINA ZONE, NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE GENERAL EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY AS WELL AS THE ASSISTANCE IN RELIEF OPERATIONS PROVIDED BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, TAKEN AT ITS 414TH MEETING, IN WHICH, INTER ALIA, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROGRAMME WAS REQUESTED TO PREPARE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AND THE HEADS OF ALL APPROPRIATE BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THE FORMULATION OF IMMEDIATE, MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM PROGRAMMES OF RECOVERY FROM THE DROUGHT DAMAGE IN ETHIOPIA,

ALSO NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR TO ENSURE THAT THE MOST PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA FOR THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN REGIONS,

1. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA FOR THE LOSS OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL LIFE CAUSED BY THE DROUGHT;

2. APPEALS TO STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE SPEEDY APPLICATION OF THE EMERGENCY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA;

3. RECOGNIZES THAT THE EMERGENCY MEASURES WILL CONSIST OF
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A SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL FOOD-STUFFS, VACCINES, MEANS OF TRANSPORT, SEEDS, FERTILIZERS, HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT AND MONEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF WORK OXEN;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CALL UPON ALL ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO RESPOND TO THE IMMEDIATE, MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE DROUGHT-AFFLICTED POPULATIONS IN ETHIOPIA;

5. CALLS UPON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA WITH REGARD TO THE IMMEDIATE, MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN REGIONS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN PARTICULAR, THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AS WELL AS THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES, THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, EACH WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AT ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION, ON THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TOWARD THE CONTAINMENT OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DROUGHT IN ETHIOPIA.
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